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The simple continued fraction of \sqrt{n} has very nice periodic and palindromic properties. Expansions of the form

$$\sqrt{n} = c_0 + \frac{z}{c_1 + \frac{z}{c_2 + \frac{z}{\ddots}}}$$

have the same palindromic properties provided z is a positive integer which is not too large and the expansion is periodic. When z is rational, the palindromic properties are only guaranteed when the expansion is periodic and the c 's are sufficiently large compared to z . Here we investigate continued fraction expansions for $\sqrt{a + b\sqrt{m}}$ in the form

$$\sqrt{a + b\sqrt{m}} = c_0 + \frac{\sqrt{m}}{c_1 + \frac{\sqrt{m}}{c_2 + \frac{\sqrt{m}}{\ddots}}}$$

In this cases, when the expansion is periodic, it appears to mimic the simple continued fraction expansion of \sqrt{n} more closely than the two previously mentioned cases. (Received August 24, 2018)